

# UNA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Walter Pruitt, Bob Turner

December 31, 2017

New Years Resolutions. We've all made them. Some we have kept, but I imagine that we have failed in our resolutions more often than we have succeeded. We've made the pledge to lose more weight or to be less connected to our phone or more connected at home. And each year, we watch as our pledges become less and less of a reality. I've wondered lately if we are putting too much focus on what we could do in the future and we don't think enough about how we can live right now in the moment that we are in.

In Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Thessalonians, he begins by thanking God for his brothers and sisters and then he goes on to recognize them for their perseverance and faith in all of the persecutions and trials that they have endured. He reminds them that God has not forgotten them nor has he forgotten those who did them harm. But what I noticed is that Paul does not encourage them to pledge a different course of action. In vs. 11, he simply says that he will pray that "***God may count you worthy of his calling and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith***" (2 Thess 2:11-12). Paul did not want them to think about what they could do tomorrow or what they could change about their circumstance. Instead Paul only prayed that God would help them in whatever came next.

Sometimes I think we look so far in the future, that we don't give attention to what is happening right now in our life. Jesus said that "***each day has enough trouble on its own***" (Matt 6:34). Maybe it is better for us this year not to make a *New Year's Resolution*, but merely a *New Day Resolution*. If we want to quit a bad habit or start doing something more beneficial, what if we merely took it one day at a time and let tomorrow's worries and next month's plans rest until we have finished the days and months before it?

This year, let's take one day at a time. Let us do what we can with the 24 hours that each day provides and let us pray for God to count us worthy of the calling that we have received *today*. Let us also pray for us to fulfill the purpose that God has for us in our homes, our church, our community, and our family. And instead of making a decision based on a year long resolution, I hope that we will make better decisions "prompted by faith."

Happy New Day!

Love you all,  
Adam

## Children's Church

Children's Church is provided for children ages 3-10. Our volunteers this morning are Izzie Tune and Brooks Tune. We will announce when it's time for your child to be dismissed.

There is a nursery upstairs for your convenience.

## Privileged to Serve

### Sunday AM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley  
Opening Prayer: Ralph Mitchell  
Communion: Wallace Primm  
Contribution: Daniel Briggs  
Read Scripture: Luke Green  
Psalm 1  
*Sermon: Adam Tune - Bringing in the New Year One Day at a Time*  
Closing Prayer: LG Watson

### Sunday PM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley  
Opening Prayer: Bob Turner  
Communion: Johnny Mitchell  
Contribution: Robert Beard  
Closing: Charles Martin  
Attendance 12/24/2017- 269  
Contribution: \$ 6,500

## Care Center

Our Care Center item for this week is Peanut Butter.

## Prayer List

Mary Boucher, Brenda Calvin, Margaret Campbell, Ann Carter, Ivon Claud, Doris Copeland, Edith Eakin, William Elliott, Jeanette Foster, Shelia Glover, Billy and Faye Greenfield, Rafaela Hernandez, Dorothy Hinds, Mary Hopper, Jeannie Hopper, Charlie Martin, Lou Montgomery, Ida Palmer, Pete Rieschick, Jeremy Sartain, Scott Sawyer, Angie Scott, Peggy Stinson, Evelyn Sullivan, Shirley Waggoner, Mattie Ward, Mindy Wilson, Elleine Witty, Lucille Young

## Remember in Prayer

Linda Kehir is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery. She is staying at her sister-in-laws, Ruth. Her address is: 4832 Hickory Way, Antioch 37013

Brenda Calvin is at home recovering from her second knee replacement. 320 Eastport Ct. Antioch, 37013

Donna Mitchell is at home recovering from hip replacement surgery. 5004 Smith Springs Pkwy. Antioch 37013

Remember Juanice Evans in your prayers as she is in the hospital undergoing tests. Juanice is the mother of our Jim Evans.

Greg Ferguson is scheduled to undergo surgery on January 3rd.

## December Cooks

Coordinators - Jackie Roberts and Jennifer Green  
Cooks: Janice Beard, Marcy Bolden, Anna Hinson, Carolynne O'Neal

## GYC's

Please check the bulletin board and sign up for the January Prayer Breakfast. Today is the last day to sign up!

## Thank You

To the Church Congregation and Minister,  
Thanks to all of you for your support by many prayers. I am sure they have aided in my recovery. My recovery is not complete, but I feel I'm through the worse part. Some days I wondered if I could make it through the day. My strong faith in God pulled me through one day at a time. I try to remember that there is always someone out there who has it worse than me. Many thanks to all of you. Jane Carr (sister of Anna Hinson and Bob Primm)



The Church Office is closed New Years Day

Mark your calendar for our first Pot Luck Lunch of 2018!  
Sunday, January 28th, is the date to remember. Plan to bring plenty of your favorite dishes!